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The Know-How or Cartooning

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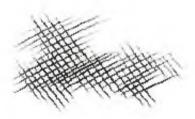
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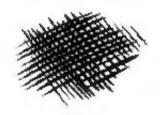
KEEP YOUR, LINES CRISP AND CLEAN - TRY TO MAKE YOUR. LINES UNIFORM, DON'T "FREEZE UP" WHEN INKING - RELAX.



EVERY CARTOONIST HAS HIS OWN PREFERENCE AS TO THE INSTRUMENT HE USES. I PERSONALLY LIKE A BRUSH NO.#2 OR NO.#3 FOR. FLEXIBLE RESULTS.

WITH PRACTICE YOU'LL GET CONTROL. TRY FOR VARIETY OF WEIGHT IN YOUR LINE, IT MAKES FOR A SNAPPIER. DRAWING.





PATTERN

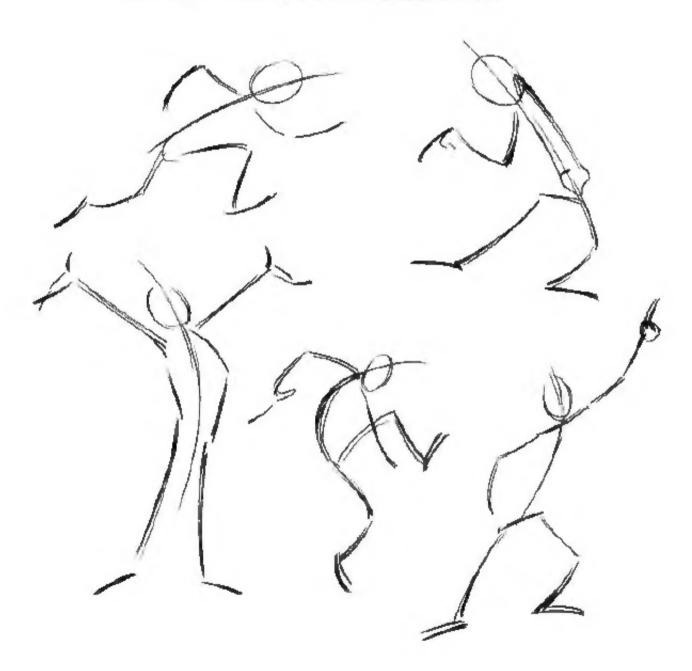








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APPROACH

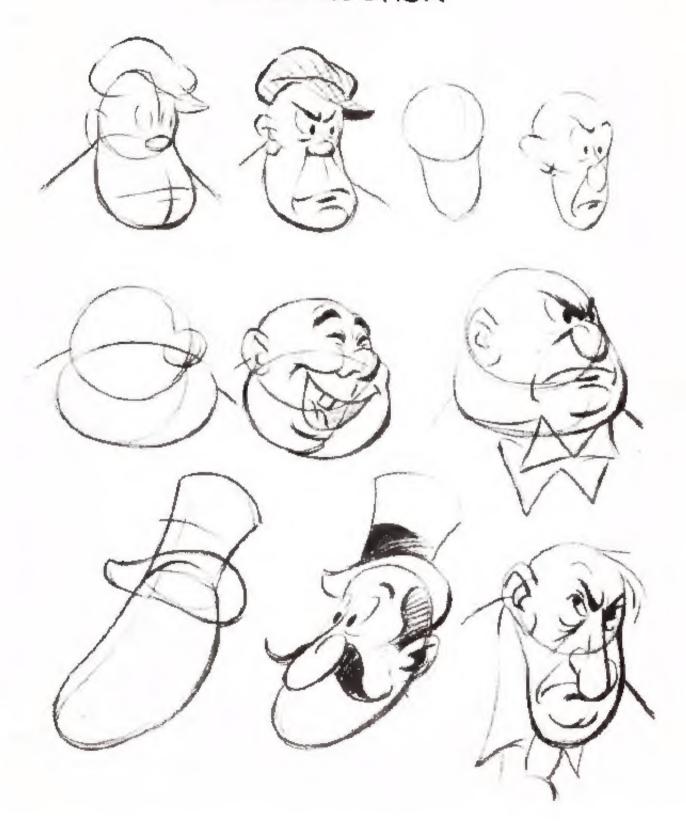
FIG. I SHOWING START-USING OVAL SHAPES FOR HEAD AND UPPER TORSO. - FIG. II. I START BY DEVELOPING FEATURES, HAIR, ETC. - FIG. III - IS THE POLISHING-OFF STAGE, ADDING DETAILS AS SHOWN.



APPROACH (CONT.)



SIMPLE HEAD CONSTRUCTION

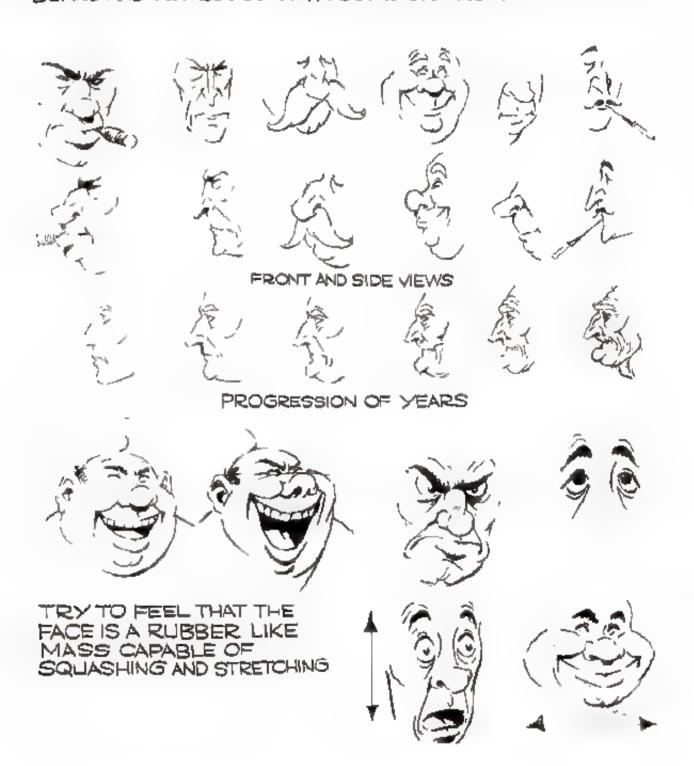


SIMPLE SHAPES FOR VARIOUS TYPES ~

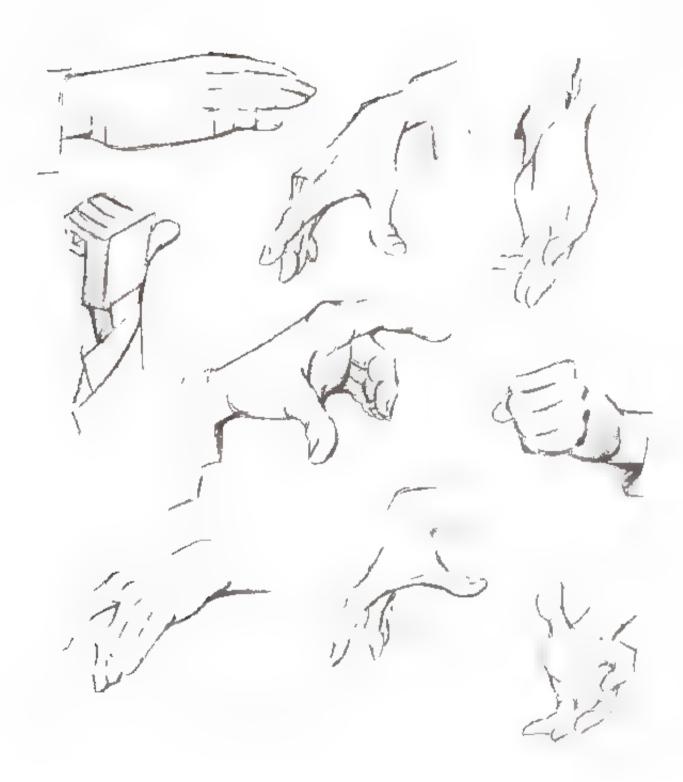


FEATURES and EXPRESSIONS

EXPRESSION IS FEELING, AND PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO STUDY IT IS TO SET A MIRROR IN FRONT OF YOUR DRAWING BOARD AND LET LOOSE WITH SOME GRIMACES OF YOUR OWN.



HANDS (CONT.)



LETTERING

TOO CROWDED KEEP YOUR LETTERING IN YOUR DON'T MAKE THIS BALLOONS WELL MISTAKE - PLAN SPACED. YOUR BALLOON WATCH SPACING BETWEEN WORDS AS WELL AS BETWEEN LINES. ACCENTUATE WORDS THIS IS A OUGHT BALLOON IN YOUR DIALOGLE-IT RELIEVES THE MONOTONY OF SAMENESS FOR THAT ICY FEELING TRY THIS. BROKEN BLOCK LETTERING DROP SHADOWS ARE SIMPLE AND ARE EFFECTIVE NITTLES PRACTICE YOUR ALPHABET~ MAKE IT CLEAR AND LEGIBLE /

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ANIMATION

IT NOULD RE NEXT TO MPOSSIBLE TO LLUSTRATE AL ABOUT AN MATION FOR CARTOON PICTURES IT TAKES YEARS OF STUDY OF ACTION, STACING, TINING, ETC HOWEVER I WILL MENTION A FEW POINTS HERE THAT MAY

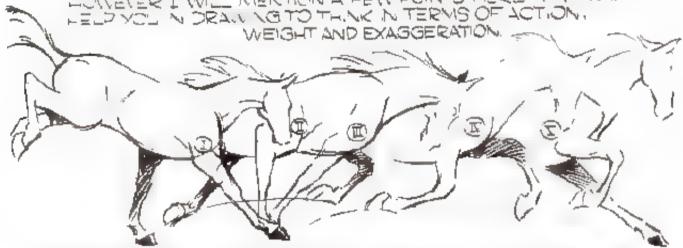


FIG. I - NOTE LEG STRETCH EGR LEG REACHING

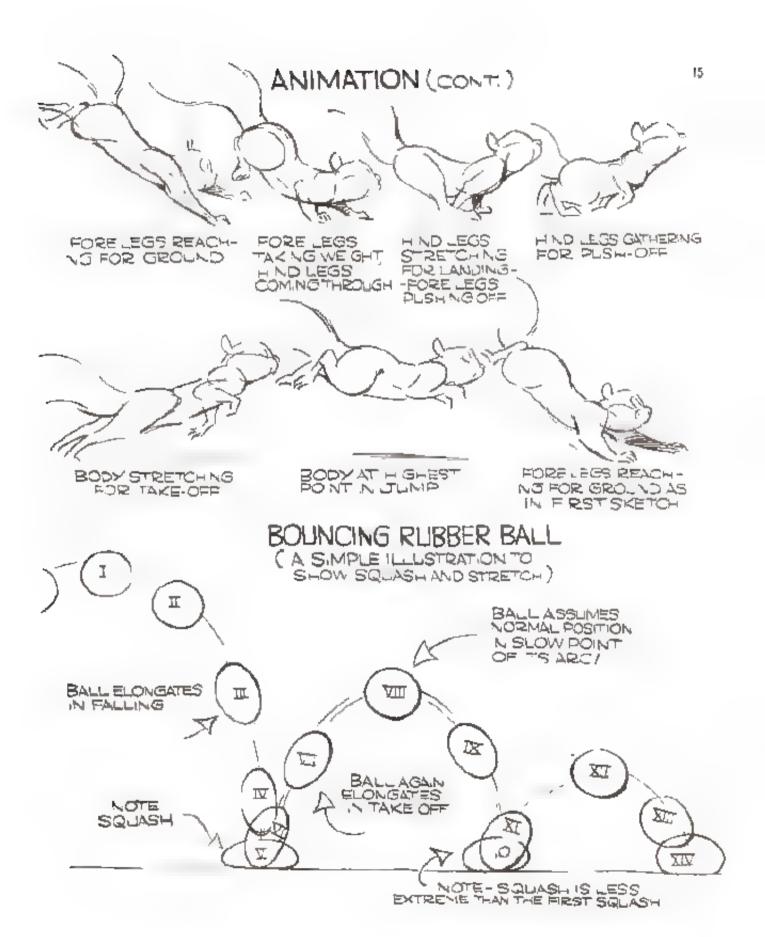
FIGURACITE LEG FIGURACITE LEG TAKING VEIGHTOF STRETCH NO NITAKE BODY-



" TAKE" FIG INACTORATION FOR TAKEN NOTE SQUASHED, BUNCHED UP POSE CONTRASTED BY ELONGATED POSE OF FIG. II

HEAD TURN

F G. THEAD NORMAL F G. T. NOTE DRAG OF JOVILS F G. T. JOVILS SWING AROUND AS HEAD SNAPS NTO POS TION F G. T. JOVILS NOW NORMAL AS ACTION ENDS

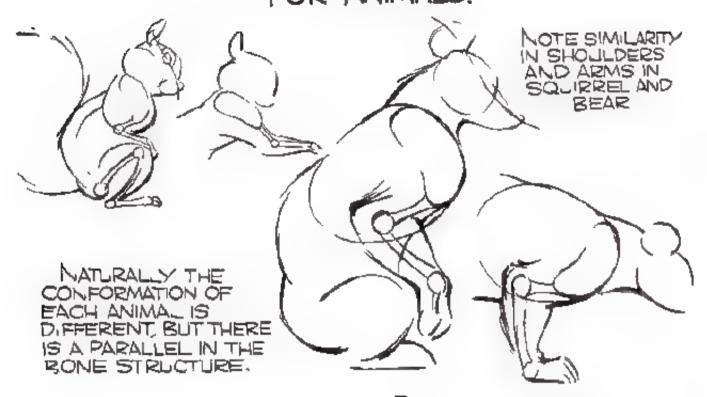


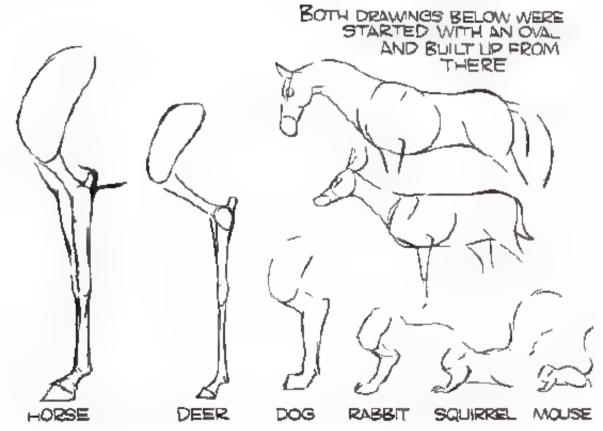


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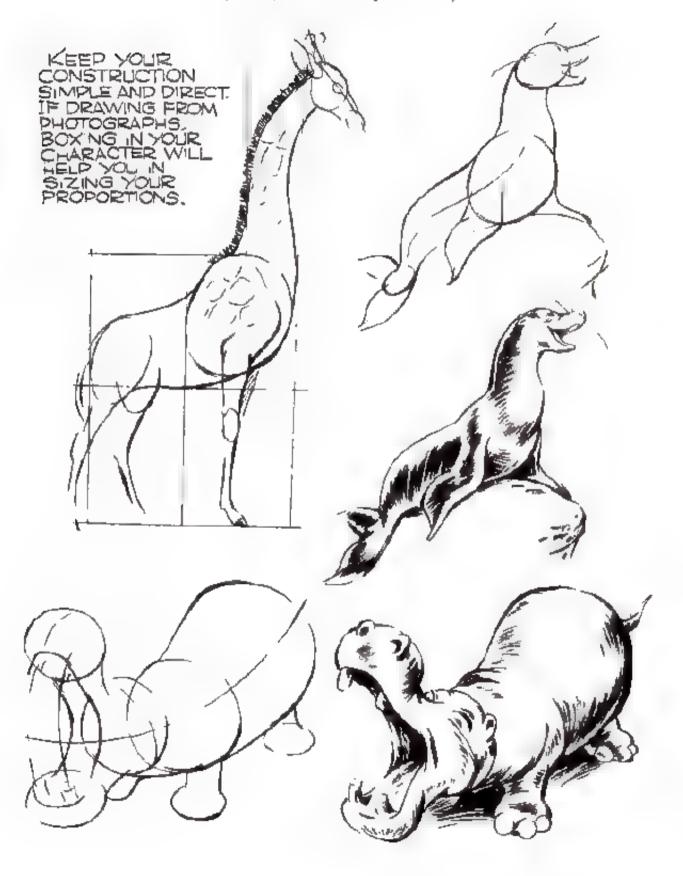


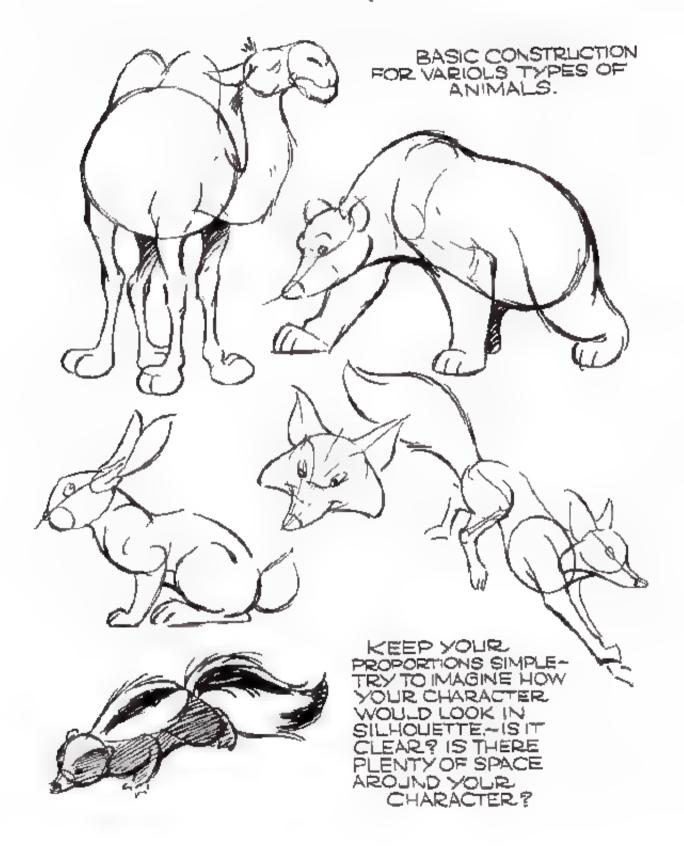




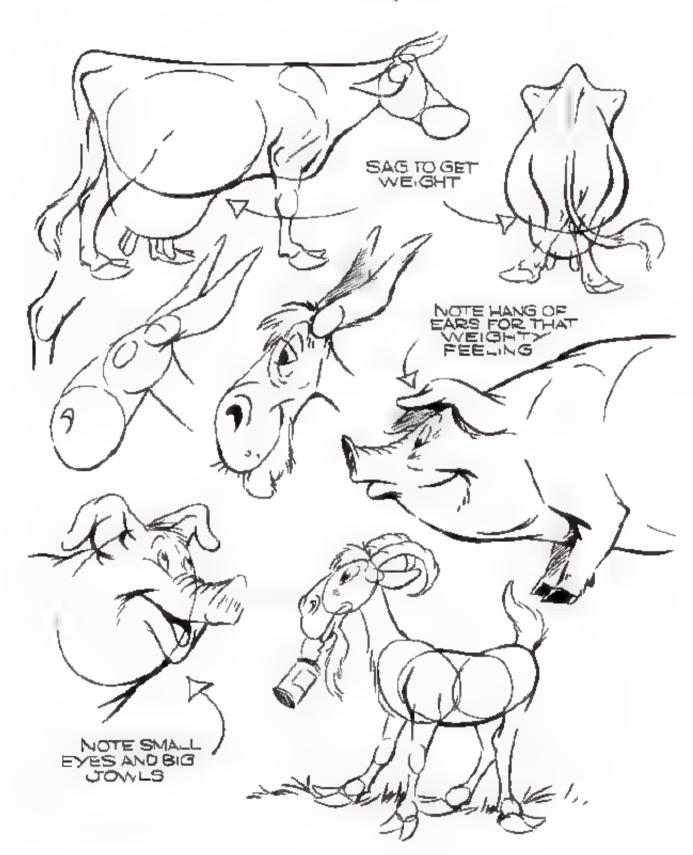


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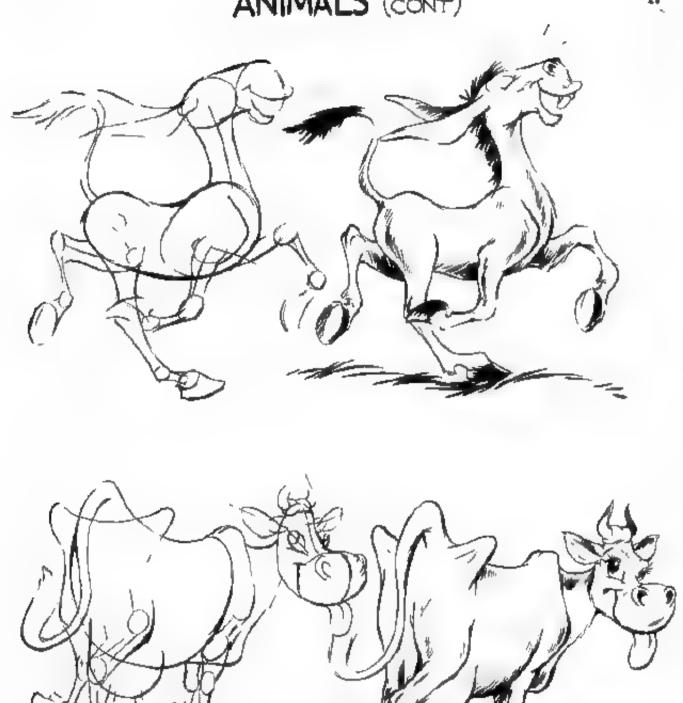




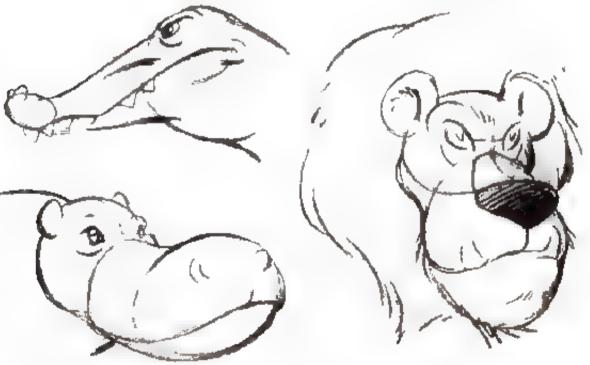
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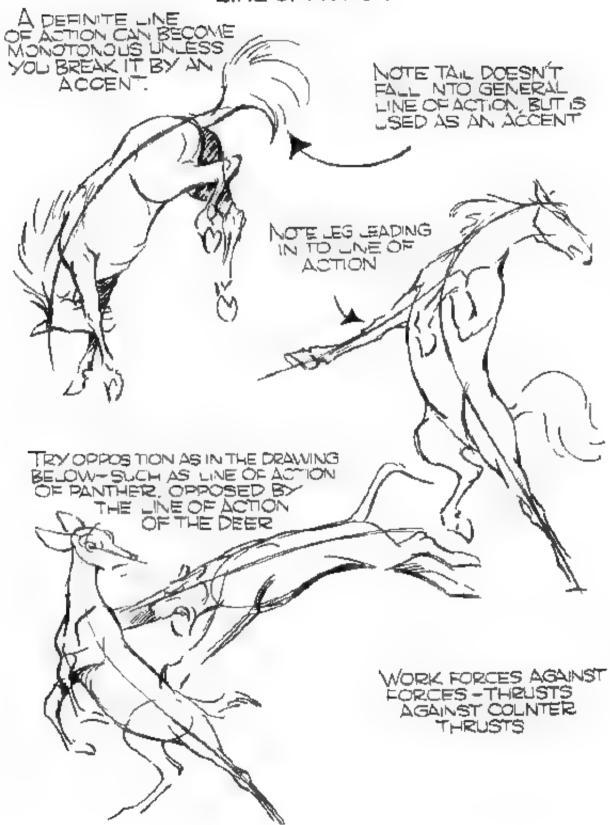
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ANIMAL HEADS (A SIMPLIFIED CONSTRUCTION)



ANIMALS LINE OF ACTION -



PULL and TENSION

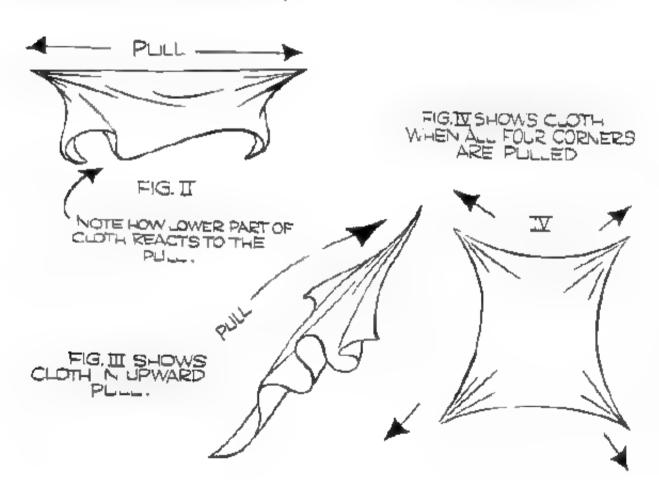
IN TAKING LPTHIS SLBJECT, LET'S TAKE A PIECE OF CLOTH AS N FIG. I AS AN EXAMPLE

FIG. I

NOTE REACTION OF CLOTH WHEN TWO OF IT'S CORNERS ARE PULLED (AS IN FIG. II) ANOTHER'S MPLE EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE PULL AND TENSION IN A MORE SOLID MATERIAL

ROPE IN NORMAL POSITION

ROPE ELONGATES



PULL and TENSION (CONT)





CARICATURE

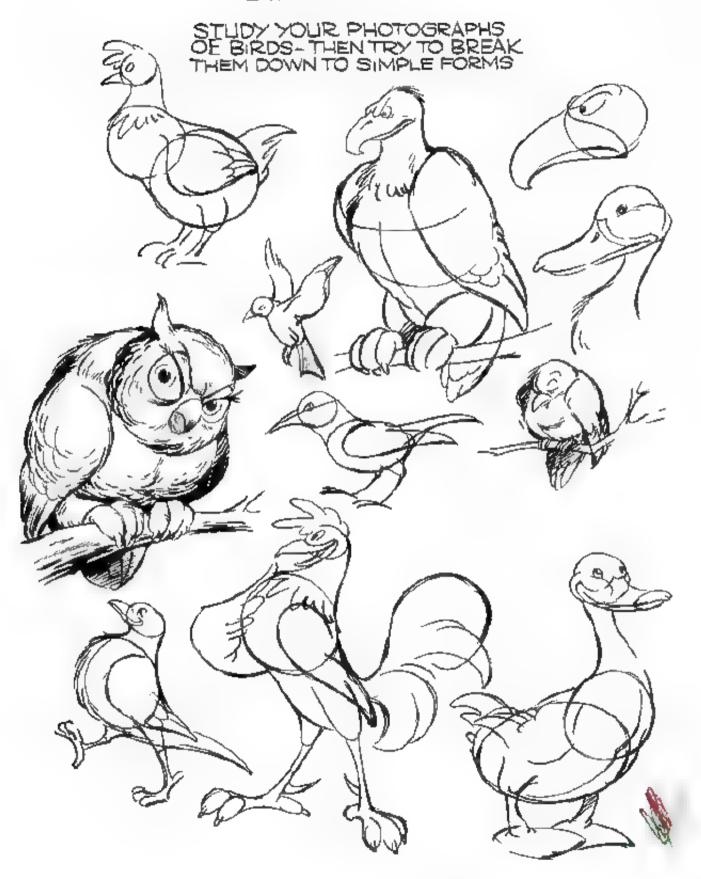
A CARICATURE IS AN EXAGGERATED DESIGN OF THE SUBJECT YOU ARE DRAWING - LOOK FOR OUTSTANDING FEATURES AND UT LIZE THEM IN YOUR DRAWING BY EMPHASIZING THEM.

THE FOLLOWING PAIRS SHOW HOW I WENT FURTHER TO EXAGGERATE ~ ANALYZE YOUR SUBJECT AND LET YOURSELF GO.



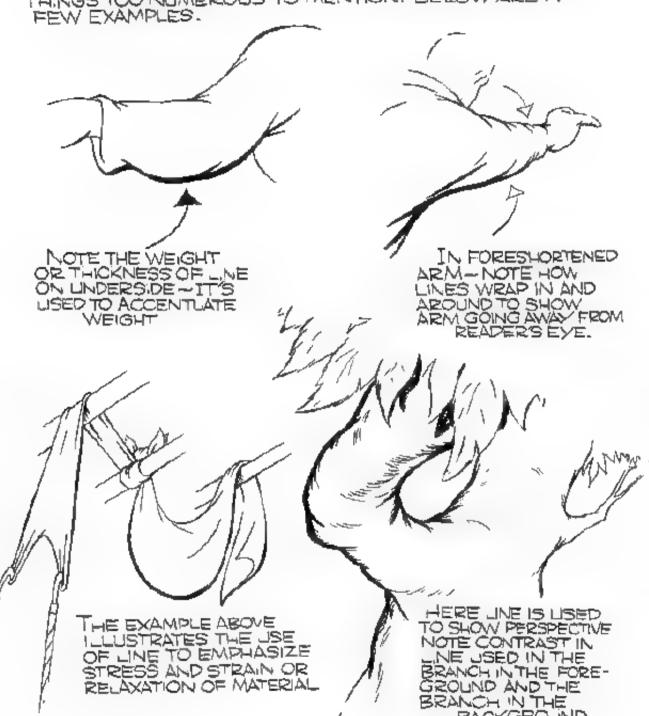
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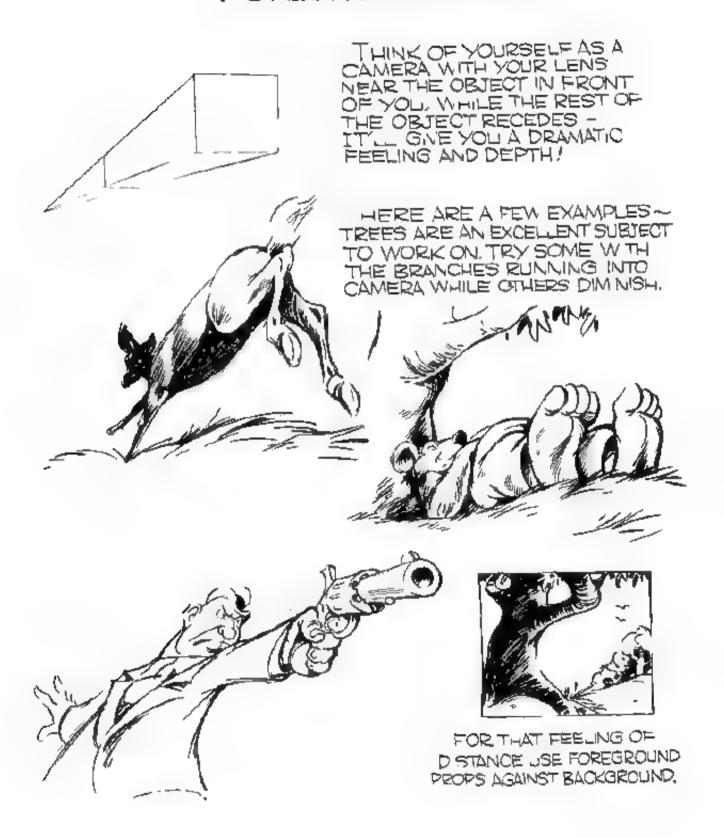
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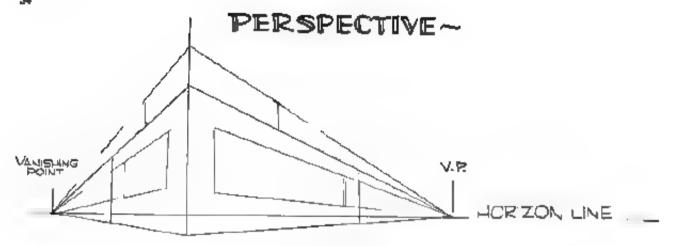
LINE CAN SUGGEST WEIGHT, FORM MATERIAL AND OTHER THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. BELOW ARE A FEW EXAMPLES.



BACKGROUND.

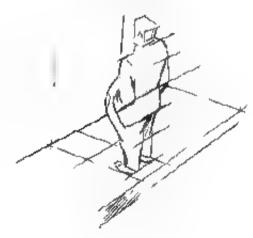
FORESHORTENING







TO KEEP YOUR CHARACTERS ANCHORED TO THE GROUND DRAW IN YOUR PERSPECTIVE LINES.



CHARACTERS
IN PERSPECTIVE
I FIRST DRAW IN YOUR
HORIZON LINE.

I DRAW IN THE CHARACTER YOU WISH TO BE TALLEST IN YOUR PICTURE.

III ESTABLISH YOUR VANISHING POINTS ON THE HORIZON LINE. (THE PLACEMENT OF THE VANISHING POINTS DEPENDS ON THE PERSPECTIVE DESIRED.)

IV DRAW LINES FROM YOUR VANISHING POINTS TO THE TOP BOTTOM AND MIDDLE OF YOUR TALLEST FIGURE (MIRE LIES

V PUT IN OTHER CHARACTERS YOU DESIRE AS SHOWN ABOVE

FEMININE FIGURE (APPROACH)

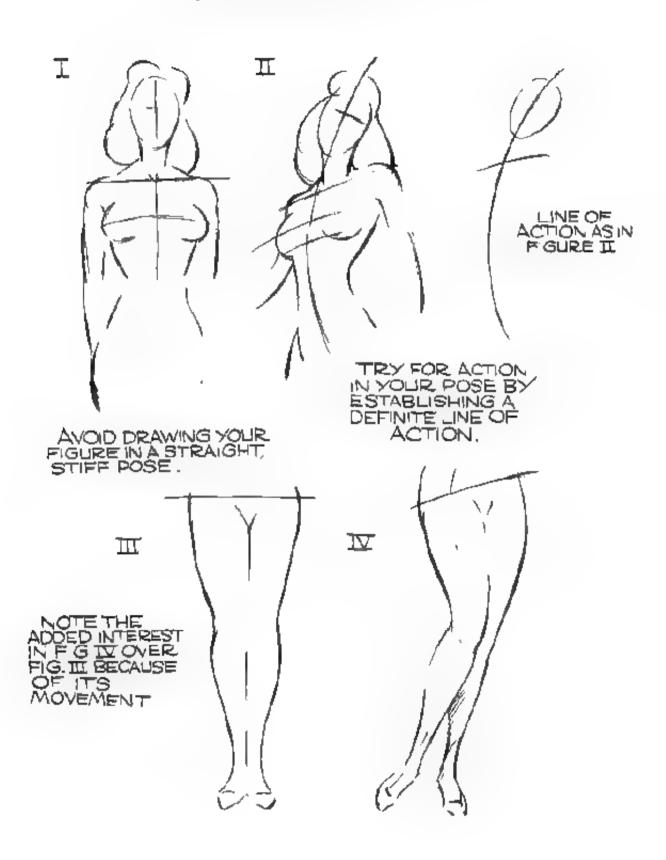


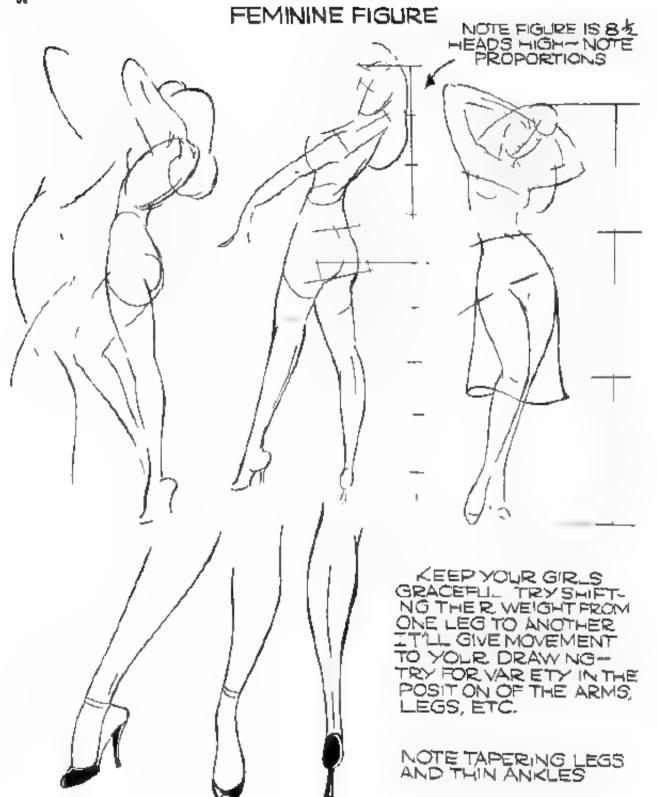
WHEN DRAWING THE FEMININE FIGURE, FIRST TRY FOR THE ACTION OF THE POSE

THE NEXT STEP.
PLIT IN THE MAIN
ACTION LINES AS
IN NUMBERS I TO
IV. THEN PUT IN
THE MAIN ACCENTS
IN THE FIGURE.

THE THIRD STAGE ~ PULL IT TOGETHER.

FEMININE FIGURE

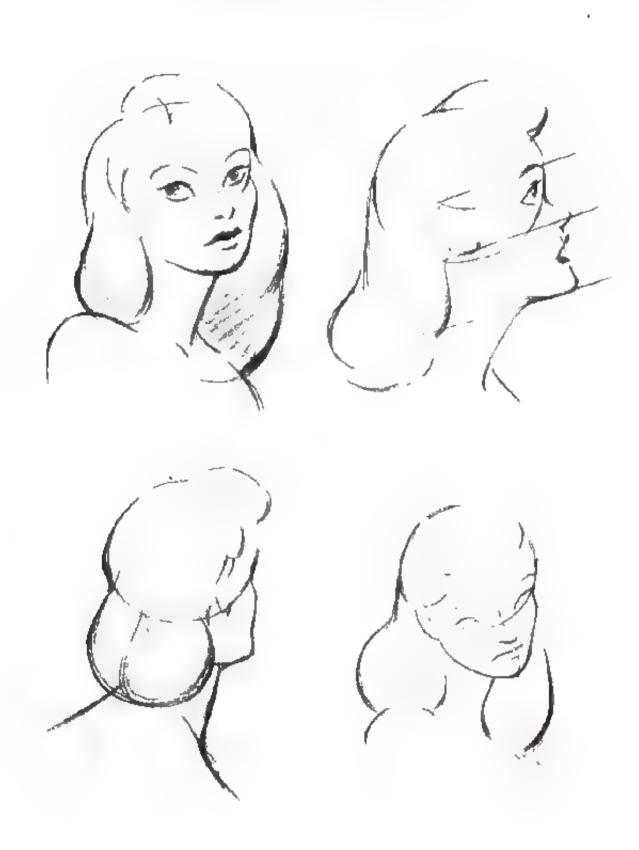




FEMININE FIGURE (CONT)



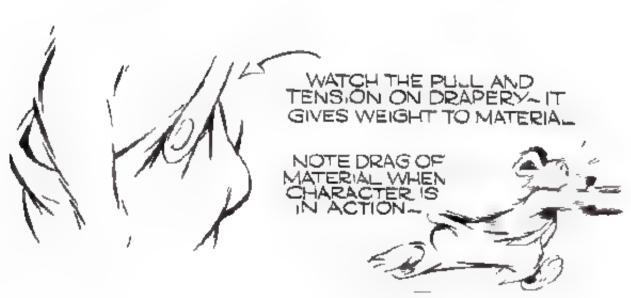
FEMININE HEAD USING A CIRCLE FOR A START.



ANIMAL COMICS







ANIMAL COMICS (CONT.)







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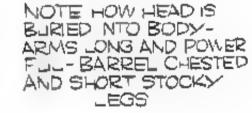
ANIMAL COMICS



PUGNACIOUS TYPES ANIMAL COMICS

GORILLA TYPE











CONTRAST

Contrast between characters can be shown by opposite proportions this gives a reader a more definite picture of your character.





LAYOUT

MAKI YOUR SCENES VEREST NO -GET VAR ETY







R GHT



MEDIL M LONG SHOT



MEDIUM SHOT



MEDITA CTORE.



CLOSE UP

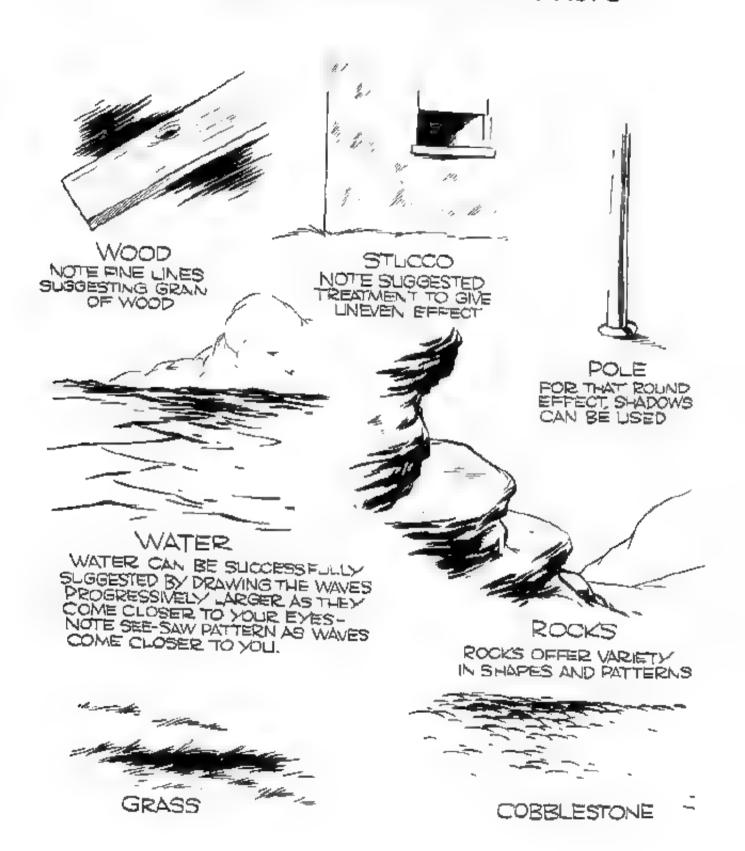
MOVE AROUND A YOUR
PCTURES -- ALL MEDIA
BE DIJON 8TOHS
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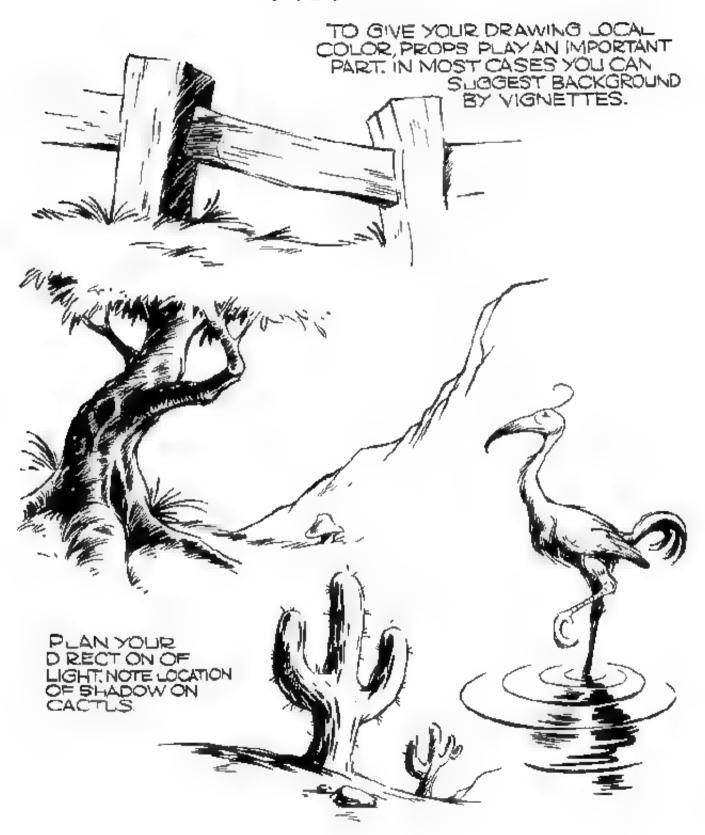
LONG SHOT

THERE'S NO SET
RULE IN PLANNING
YOUR PANELS N
COM C STRIPS, BUT
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VAR ETY, GIVE IT
TO HIM

BRUSH TREATMENT FOR PROPS



PROPS

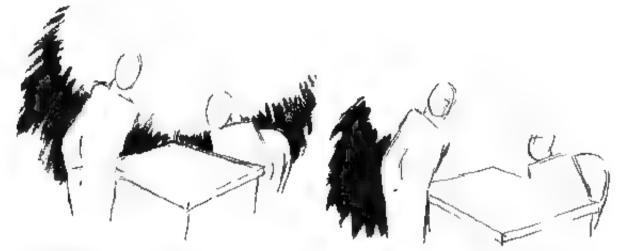


TEXTURE



USE OF BLACK

BLACK SHOULD ALWAYS BE USED IN CONTRAST TO WHITE, BELOW ARE EXAMPLES USING BLACK IN A PATTERN.



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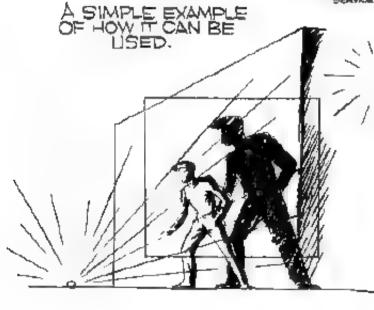
ESTABLISH YOUR LIGHT PO'NT,

of LIGHT IN PLANNING A PICTURE WHERE STRONG SHADOWS ARE REQUIRED~

DIRECTION

MY DRAWING AT LEFT IS USED HERE TO SHOW HOW BLACK IS USED IN CONTRAST TO WHITE

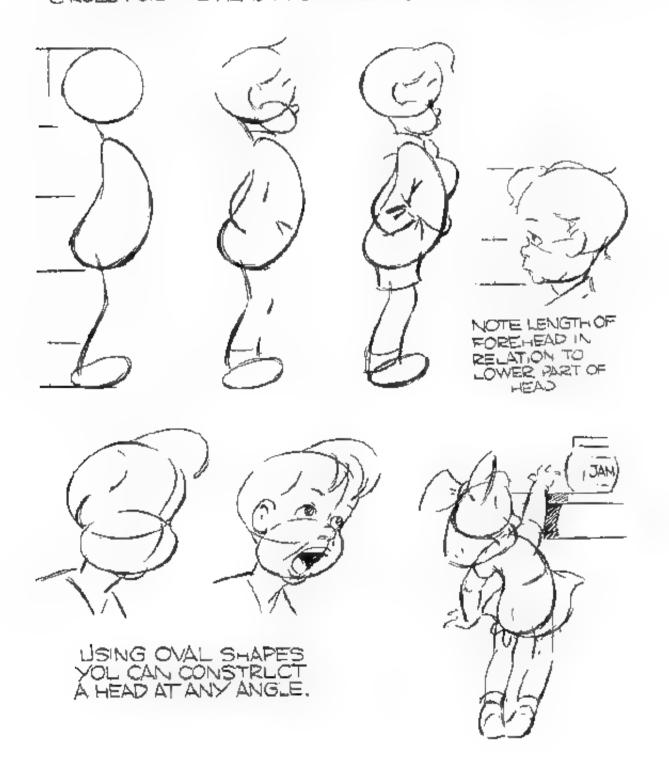




NOTE HOW SHADOWS VARY AS LIGHT POINT IS FARTHER AWAY FROM SUBJECT.

CHILDREN

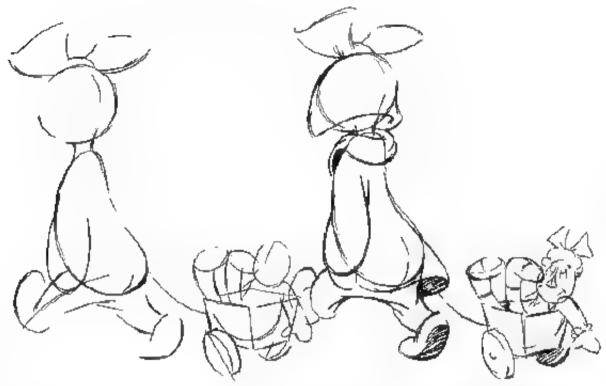
I DRAW MY KIDS FROM 3½ TO 5 HEADS IN HEIGHT. FOR A VERY SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION, I START WITH A CROLE FOR THE HEAD AND A PEAR SHAPE FOR THE BODY

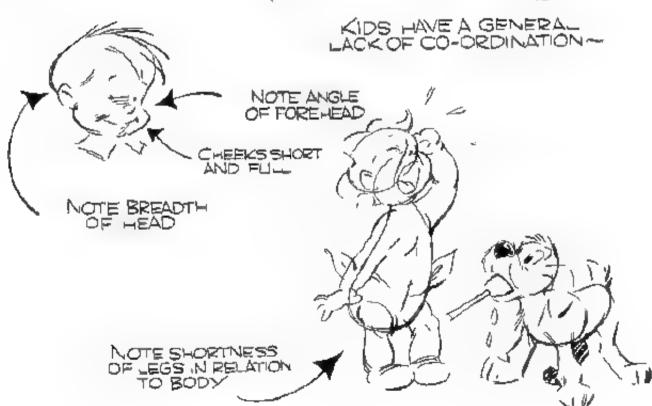


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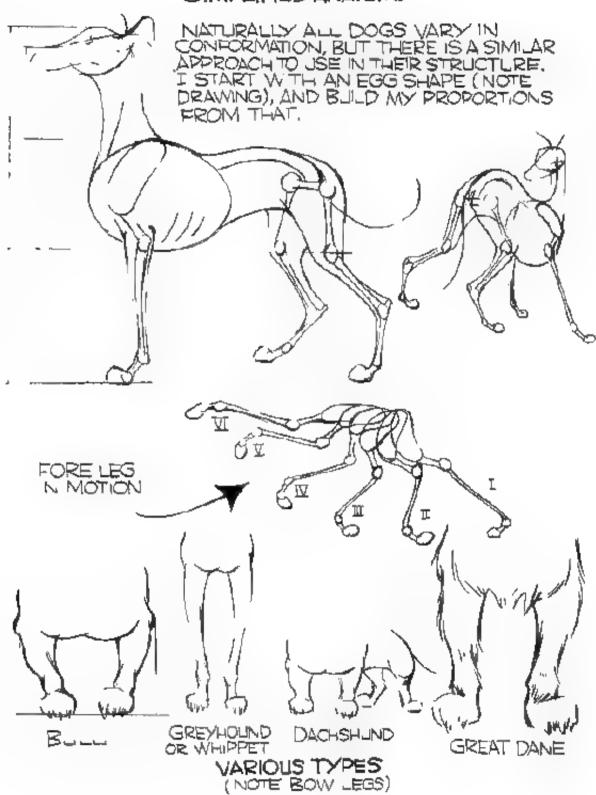


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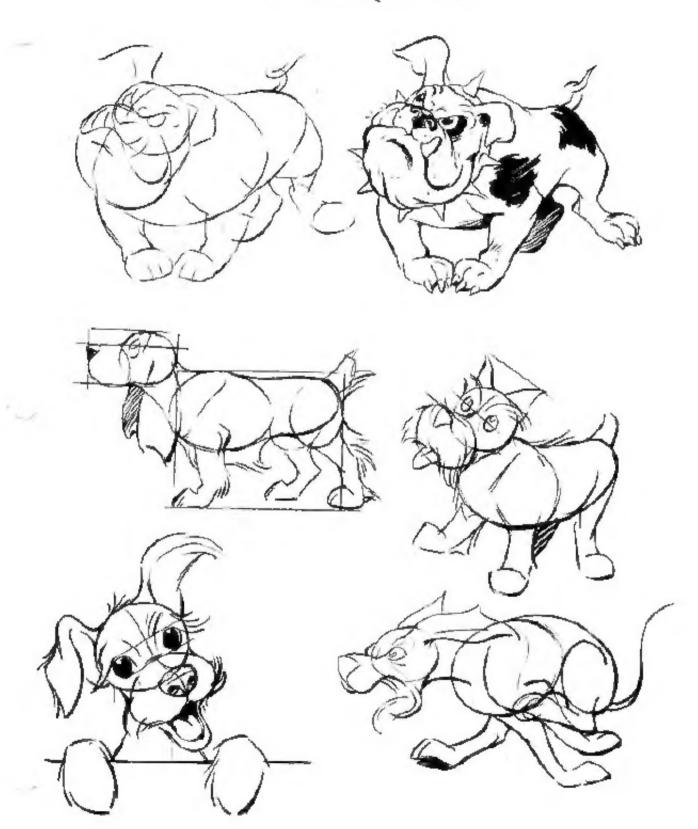




DOGS SIMPLIFIED ANATOMY



DOGS (CONT.)



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